

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 stand rejected, claim 5 was objected to for its dependence on a rejected base claim. Claims 10-23 were previously withdrawn and claims 24-30 are currently withdrawn. New claim 31 is claim 5 (now cancelled) merely rewritten in independent form to put it in better condition for appeal. Please enter this amendment as it only withdraws claims, cancels a claim, and places the application in better condition for appeal.

Examiner's Interviews

The undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the two telephone interviews conducted during the week of February 4-8, 2008 and on February 12, 2008. In the second interview, Mr. Dan Graves, the declarant on the previously filed declaration also participated. In the first interview, the status of the currently withdrawn claims and the pending claims and the cited Krom reference were discussed. No agreement was reached regarding the claims. In the second interview, the subject matter of the previously filed declaration was discussed, and the pending claims and the cited Krom reference were also discussed. No agreement was reached regarding the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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